

Biography



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John A. Johnson is the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). As the Deputy Administrator for Farm Programs, Johnson is a key advisor to FSA's Administrator on farm programs and policies. He is responsible for FSA's commodity price support activities, conservation and environmental programs, and emergency assistance efforts, including the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program and county disaster declarations. Additionally, Johnson provides direction for programs and policy guidance to the farm program management team. Johnson is responsible for implementing major portions of the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act as it relates to farm programs.

Johnson has been involved in agriculture over the past 22 years. His diverse agricultural experience earned him the position of State Executive Director (SED) for FSA in the State of Virginia. As SED, Johnson oversaw the Agency programs in both the State office and in 50 county offices throughout Virginia.

Before being appointed as SED, Johnson was the Vice President of Sheaffer International, an integrated water resources management company that specializes in the reclamation and reuse of wastewater, primarily for the irrigation of cropland and golf courses. He has served as President of the Virginia Poultry Federation and as a lobbyist for the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation. In the 1980s, Johnson was involved in his family's cash grain operation, which consisted of soybeans, wheat, and corn.

A native of Holmdel, New Jersey, Johnson is working on an advanced degree from the "School of Hard Knocks" and is actively involved in the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He, his wife and two daughters, live in Broadway, Virginia.